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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Jianhua Mao	: Group Art Unit: 1626 :
Appln. No.:	10/681,477	: Examiner: Taofiq A. Solola :
Filed:	October 8, 2003.	: Confirmation No.: 7486 :
For:	METHODS OF PREPARING TOCOPHEROL COMPOUND SALTS IN SUPERCRITICAL MEDIA	: Attorney Docket : No.: U 0194 NHG/VEPT :

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004 ("Paper No. 1"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including March 9, 2005, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner of all pending claims, in view of the following remarks.